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SUBJ: FLOUR SHORTAGE IN CHILE AND WHEAT SHIPMENTS FROM U.S.

REF: SANTIAGO 4019

1. PRESIDENT ALLENDE REPORTEDLY TOLD CHILEAN WOMEN'S GROUP SEPT 6 THAT CHILE HAD STOCKS OF FLOUR TO LAST ONLY 3 OR 4 MORE DAYS. HE SAID CHILE HAD TO IMPORT 1.2 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF BREAD. (WE BELIEVE THIS IS REALISTIC ESTIMATE). HE ADDED THAT COUNTRY REALLY NEEDED 1.5 MILLION TONS BUT LACKED ENOUGH FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND PORT CAPACITY TO IMPORT THIS AMOUNT. ALLENDE NOTED HE HAD PREVIOUSLY CALLED PRES OF ARGENTINA SO THAT 3 CHILEAN SHIPS COULD BE LOADED WITH 45,000 TONS OF WHEAT THAT WAS NOW AT PORT OF SAN ANTONIO. COMMUNIST EL SIGLO CLAIMED TODAY THAT 167 OUT OF 513 SANTIAGO BAKERIES DID NOT HAVE FLOUR BECAUSE DYNAMITE ATTACKS HAD CUT SANTIAGO-SAN ANTONIO RAILWAY LINE AND HIGHWAY HAD BEEN TEMPORILY BLOCKED. (COMMENT: TRANSPORT STRIKE IS PREVENTING SOME DELIVERIES OF WHEAT TO FLOUR MILLS. WE UNDERSTAND WHEAT STOCKS IN CHILE ARE NOW SUFFICIENT TO SUPPLY MILLS FOR ONE MONTH.)

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2. ACTION REQUESTED. IN VIEW OF SHORTAGES AND RECENT CHARGE

BY ECA GENERAL MANAGER THAT IF U.S. DID NOT SHIP 300,000
TONS OF WHEAT ALREADY CONTRACTED THERE CHILE WOULD FACE GRAVE
PROBLEMS (REFTEL), WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING: 1) NATURE AND
STATUS OF ECA WHEAT CONTRACTS WITH COOK INDUSTRIES, GAMAC GRAIN,
AND ANY OTHER U.S. GRAIN COMPANY; AND 2) WHETHER WHEAT WILL BE
SHIPPED TO CHILE IF CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED.
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